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TITLE OF INVENTION ULTRASONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HARMONIC IMAGING IN THREE DIMENSIONS

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Craig Summerfield, Reg. No. 37,947 on January 5, 1998.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In **claim 83**, in line 1 after "apparatus" has been added -- adapted --, and in line 2 after "reconstruction" has been added -- of a subject during an imaging session, said subject being free of added ultrasound contrast agent throughout the entire imaging session --, and in line 5 "an" has been changed to -- said --.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner weighed the relevance of **Averkiou et al** (EP 0 851 241 A2) especially Col. 5 line 34 - Col. 6 line 1 and Fig. 1 and **Averkiou et al** (US 5833613) Col. 5 line 36 - Col. 7 line 51 and claims 6, 12 and 32 thereof. In the former the tissue harmonic i.e. harmonic sans contrast agent is stated to be provided for two-dimensional display and in the latter neither embodiment shown in Fig. 1 or Fig. 4 is adapted to operate in the absence of contrast agent.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Francis J. Jaworski at telephone number (703) 308-3061.

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